

"(b) SERVICE CREDITABLE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—(1) The Secretary concerned may authorize service performed by a member of the program in pursuit of a course of study under this subchapter to be counted in accordance with this subsection if the member

"(A) completes the course of study;  
 "(B) completes the active duty obligation imposed under section 2123(a) of this title; and

"(C) possesses a specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as critically needed in wartime.

"(2) Service credited under paragraph (1) counts only for the following purposes:

"(A) Award of retirement points for computation of years of service under section 12732 of this title and for computation of retired pay under section 12733 of this title.

"(B) Computation of years of service creditable under section 205 of title 37.

"(3) For purposes of paragraph (2) (A) a member may be credited in accordance with paragraph (1) with not more than 50 points for each year of participation in a course of study that the member satisfactorily completes as a member of the program.

"(4) Service may not be counted under paragraph (1) for more than four years of participation in a course of study as a member of the program.

"(5) A member is not entitled to any retroactive award of or increase in pay or allowances under title 37 by reason of an award of service credit under paragraph (1) "

(b) AWARD OF RETIREMENT POINTS.—(1) Section 12732(a)(2) of such title is amended—

(A) by inserting after clause (C) the following:

"(D) Points credited for the year under section 2126(b) of this title"; and

(B) in the matter following clause (D), as inserted by paragraph (1), by striking out "and (C)" and inserting in lieu thereof

"(C), and (D)".

(2) Section 12733(3) of such title is amended by striking out "or (C)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(C), or (D)".

#### SEC. 544. AMENDMENTS TO RESERVE OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ACT PROVISIONS.

(a) SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR RETIREMENT IN HIGHEST GRADE HELD.—Section 1370(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

- (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking out "(A)":
- (3) by redesignating paragraph (2)(B) as paragraph (3); and
- (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—
- (3) as subparagraph (A); by designating the first sentence
- (4) by designating the second sentence as
- (5) in subparagraph (B), as so redesignated, by striking out "the preceding sentence" and inserting in lieu thereof "subparagraph (A)"; and
- (6) by adding at the end the following:
- "(C) If a person covered by subparagraph (A) has completed at least six months of satisfactory service in grade, the person